1) (withdrawn)

2) (cancelled)

3) (cancelled)

4) (cancelled)

5) (cancelled)

6) (cancelled)

7) (cancelled)

8) (cancelled)

9) (cancelled)

10) (currently amended) An improved tape measure for making a measurement of the type having, a tape coiled in a housing having a tape hook external to the housing on an unattached end portion of the tape, and measurement lines and numerals on a concave side portion of the tape which increment from the hook and which can be read when the hook is pulled from the housing, and a light positioned to illuminate the measured length on the tape, wherein the improvement comprises:

[A tape measure as in claim 9 wherein the tape comprises] numerals for outside measurement of one color and numerals for inside measurement of a different color and wherein the numerals for inside measurement significantly contrast with a color of the light [emitting diode] so that the numerals for inside measurement will significantly stand out from the numerals for outside measurement when the light [emitting diode] is switched on.

11) (withdrawn)

12.) (withdrawn)

13.) (withdrawn)

14.) (withdrawn)

15.) (cancelled)

16.) (cancelled)

17.) (cancelled)

18.) (cancelled)

19.) (cancelled)

20.) (cancelled)

21) (currently amended) A tape measure as in claim [20] 10 wherein the light comprises a light emitting diode.

22) (currently amended) A tape measure as in claim [20] 10 wherein the [focused] light comprises a laser.

23) (currently amended) An improved tape measure for making a[n internal] measurement [from a member] of the type having, a tape coiled in a housing having a tape hook external to the housing on an unattached end portion of the tape, and measurement lines and numerals on a concave side portion of the tape which increment from the hook and which can be read when the hook is pulled from the housing, wherein the improvement

comprises:

a [light emitting diode] light positioned to illuminate a measured length on the tape and wherein the tape comprises a set of numerals for outside measurement of one color and a set of numerals for inside measurement of a different color and wherein [the numerals for inside measurement significantly contrast with] a color of the light [emitting diode] contrasts with a color of one of the sets of numerals so that [the] those numerals [for inside measurement] will significantly stand out from the other numerals [for outside measurement] when the light [emitting diode] is switched on.